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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/569,837	Applicant(s) NIEBLING ET AL.	
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Date of Interview: 05 February 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: proposed claim 1 (attached).

Identification of prior art discussed: US 5,293,124, GB 2,207,470, US 5,640,087, US 6,190,051, JP 2003-107484.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed proposed amendment to claim 1 regarding the boundaries of the radial interspace. Further amendment to the claim to clarify the radial interspace is necessary. Also discussed the location of the sensor with respect to the sealing arrangement. Further amendment to the claim is necessary to clarify the location of the sensor. Each of the references were discussed with respect to how they still read on the amended claim.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Thomas R. Hannon/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3656	
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